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- Arnulfo Arias, him wife, and one Barreta arrived in Guatemala City via Pan American Airways on 19 August 1948. On 20 August, Arias cancelled his reservations to fly to Mexico City that afternoon, giving the illness of his wife as his reason for the change in schedule. It is believed possible that the decision to stay over in Guatemala may have been connected with the arrival in Guatamala City, on the morning of 20 August, of Carlos Frio Scearras, Cuban president-elect. It was thought probable that Arias would resume his trip on 21 August. Alcibiades Arosemena, who has been at a hotel in Guatemala City since 6 August, was the only known contact of Arias in Gustemala.
- 2. The Mexican Government in the meantime had been expecting the arrival of dries in Mexico City during the evening of 20 August, and had given instructions to Mexican customs officials to relieve him of his passnort. Arian was to have been informed that he might retrieve his passport by calling at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Saturday 21 August, where it was planned to have him told that he would be permitted to remain in Mexico providing he did not undertake any political or propaganda activity of any kimi.



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